

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Cicero, 6:03 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger, Theresa Donovan, Paul McFadden

Board members absent: Claudine Pande

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

Community member Mike Kelley requested the School Committee reach out to the West Greenwich Police Department and/or State Highway Authority to explore installing new school zone signage on Route 3. He proposed the new signage could read, *School Zone, next 1.25 miles* to make drivers aware there is more than one school in the area, which could help to avert speeding.

- IV. **Routine Items**
Consent Agenda

A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2013; Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2013**

B. **Personnel Items**

1. **Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

- a. **Kathryn Sirr as Speech and Language Pathologist at the Jr.- Sr. High School, Step 9, Masters, Annual Salary \$65,423.00, effective November 4, 2013, pending all mandatory District paperwork**
- b. **Zachary Searle as EWG Junior High School Drama Coach, Annual Stipend as per contract; effective for the 2013 – 2014 school year**

2. **Leaves of Absence**

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

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3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)

- a. Letter from Linda Gaulin resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Grade-2 Teacher at Wawaloam School, for the purpose of retirement, effective on or about June 13, 2014

4. Non-Renewals

5. Recalls

6. Sabbaticals

7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$302,898.33

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the consent agenda – Kissinger/Donovan – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

E. Correspondence – (1) 2012 – 2013 EWG Race to the Top Progress Update; (2) School Committee Meeting Dates 2014; (3) EWGRSD 2014 – 2015 Budget Development Timeline; (4) Communication from Emilie Simonini to Faculty regarding Video Project

V. New Business

A. EWG High School Mission Statement Proposed Revision

MSV – To accept the Mission Statement that has been presented to the School Committee – McFadden/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Reinstate Late Buses at the High School – Discussion

Member McFadden presented a proposal to reinstate the late buses for students, grades 7 – 12. The committee requested the Superintendent obtain additional detailed information to bring back to the committee for further discussion. This item will continue to a future meeting in November.

C. October 1 Enrollment

Mr. Ross reported the town of Exeter accepted the enrollment count submitted by the District. The District is awaiting a response from the town of West Greenwich.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Reports/Comments

Superintendent Erinakes offered committee members photocopies of the grant he submitted to RIDE, (Rhode Island Department of Education) to fund an all-day kindergarten program next school year. He said this item would be on a future agenda.

VIII. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, November 12, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 26, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, December 10, 2013-School Committee Meeting

IX. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5

A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)

B. 42-46-5 (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending Litigation

C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

The committee did not meet in Executive Session.

X. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**